



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 6637**

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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE ON ALIMONY, PROPERTY  
DIVISION AND PARENTING PLAN GUIDELINES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force  
2       to study issues related to (1) the use by the courts of advisory  
3       guidelines to ensure the appropriateness of alimony awards, the  
4       division of property and parenting plans in proceedings for  
5       dissolution of marriage, and (2) the establishment of a commission to  
6       create, issue and update such guidelines. Such study shall include, but  
7       not be limited to, an examination of appropriate requirements for the  
8       application and review of such guidelines and the appropriate  
9       membership and powers of any such commission.

10       (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

11       (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

12       (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

13       (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
14       Representatives;

15       (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

16       (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of

17 Representatives;

18 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

19 (7) The Chief Court Administrator, or the Chief Court  
20 Administrator's designee;

21 (8) The Commissioner of Children and Families, or the  
22 commissioner's designee; and

23 (9) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing  
24 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
25 relating to the judiciary, or their designees.

26 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),  
27 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member  
28 of the General Assembly. The members appointed under subsection  
29 (b) of this section shall include a representative of the Connecticut Bar  
30 Association, a person who represents the financial concerns of  
31 divorced persons, a representative of the Permanent Commission on  
32 the Status of Women and a representative of a group that represents  
33 the interests of fathers, with the objective of balancing the interests of  
34 both of the parents and the children in proceedings for dissolution of  
35 marriage.

36 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than  
37 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be  
38 filled by the appointing authority.

39 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president  
40 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task  
41 force, from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons  
42 shall schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held  
43 not later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

44 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
45 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the  
46 judiciary shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

47 (g) Not later than January 1, 2006, the task force shall submit a  
48 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing  
49 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
50 relating to the judiciary, in accordance with the provisions of section  
51 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date  
52 that it submits such report or January 1, 2006, whichever is earlier.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**JUD**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*